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Copy /LAUNCH COMPLEX "K"

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1. [ ] REVEALED A NEWLY IDENTIFIED LAUNCH COMPLEX "K" LOCATED 7,600 FT WEST OF LAUNCH COMPLEX "F". THE COMPLEX CONSISTED OF A LAUNCH AREA CONTAINING TWO SINGLE SILOS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE SILOS, WHICH ARE APPROXIMATELY 30 FT IN DIAMETER, WERE IN SHALLOW EXCAVATIONS. AN ELECTRONICS INSTALLATION WAS IDENTIFIED 3,000 FT TO THE WNW AND CONSISTED OF AN "L"-SHAPED EARTH SCAR.
2. LAUNCH COMPLEX "K" WAS SUBSEQUENTLY COVERED BY SEVEN KH MISSIONS. THIS COVERAGE RESULTED IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A THIRD SILO AT COMPLEX "K" (K3), LOCATED WITHIN THE SECURED "L"-SHAPED ELECTRONICS FACILITY. THE SILO COULD BE IDENTIFIED UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON KH [ ] AND APPEARED COMPLETE OR NEARLY COMPLETE ON [ ]
3. [ ] REVEALED CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION AT LAUNCH AREA "K1-K2". THE SILOS EXTENDED UP FROM THE BASE OF THE EXCAVATIONS BUT POSSIBLY WERE NOT UP TO GROUND LEVEL. A POSSIBLE RAMP EXTENDED ACROSS THE SILO EXCAVATIONS TO THE SILOS. BACK-FILLING WAS NOT APPARENT.

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DITCHING FIRST IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] WAS VISIBLE LEADING  
FROM LAUNCH AREA G7 (LAUNCH COMPLEX "G") TOWARD LAUNCH AREA K1-K2.

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4. THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT NEITHER SILO AT LAUNCH AREA K1-K2  
APPEARS TO BE UP TO GROUND LEVEL. THE DITCH FROM LAUNCH AREA  
G7 CROSSES THE ACCESS ROAD SERVING SILO K2 AND TERMINATES AT  
A SMALL UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE NEAR SILO K1.

RE-EXCAVATION HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SUR-  
ROUNDING THE SILO AND AT THE PROBABLE CONTROL BUILDING NEAR THE  
INTERSECTION OF THE LEGS OF THE ELECTRONIC FACILITY AT LAUNCH AREA  
K3. THE NATURE OF THE OPERATION IN PROGRESS CANNOT BE DETERMINED,  
NOR CAN IT BE ASCERTAINED WHETHER THE SILO IS INTACT OR BEING MOD-  
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